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To: All Media Outlets  
From: Kendra Amaral, Town Manager  
Date: March 18, 2020  
RE: Press Release – COVID-19 Update – Directive from Governor Mills

Governor Janet Mills has issued an Executive Order mandating the following, effective March 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM for a period of 14 days until midnight, March 31, 2020:

- **The closure of all dine-in facilities at all restaurants**

- All restaurants and bars shall close their dine-in facilities. Such businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage service may continue to do so but eating and drinking inside restaurants and bars is temporarily prohibited.
- Such businesses offering carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage, should employ social distancing best practices and minimize the gathering of customers.

Residents are encouraged to continue to support Kittery establishments by purchasing take-out meals or by buying gift cards.

- **The prohibition of gatherings of more than 10 people**

- Gatherings subject to this Order are those that are primarily social, personal, and discretionary events, not work-related events. Such gatherings include, without limitation, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events; social clubs; sporting events with spectators; concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, and festivals; and any similar event or activity in a venue such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, gymnasium, fitness center or private club.

The Governor's Order will be reviewed prior to its expiration date for a determination of the need for revision and renewal.

We appreciate voluntary compliance from Kittery's establishments and recognize the difficult burdens these prohibitions place on businesses and their employees.

The Town of Kittery will be monitoring establishments and will take appropriate action if and when needed.

In addition, Governor Mills strongly urged non-essential public-facing businesses, such as gyms, hair salons, theatres, casinos, shopping malls, to close their doors for the next two weeks to minimize public gatherings.

This does not include businesses that provide essential services including, but not limited to: food processing, agriculture, industrial manufacturing, construction, trash collection, grocery and household goods (including convenience stores), home repair and hardware and auto repair, pharmacy and other medical facilities, biomedical and health care, child care, post offices and shipping outlets, insurance, banks, gas stations, laundromats, veterinary clinics and animal feed and supply stores, shipping stores, public transportation, and hotel and commercial lodging.

Although these businesses may remain open, Governor Mills strongly urged Maine people to implement social distancing measures and to be thoughtful about the need to visit these businesses.

Local businesses and restaurants are asked to follow CDC guidelines to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Reduced hours, take-out/delivery service, and other measures are strongly encouraged during this time.

Please be advised that the situation may change pending additional information and updates. Further updates will be provided to the community as we receive them.

For more information on Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the U.S. CDC's website, which can be found at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

If you have questions, please contact Kendra Amaral at 207-475-1329 or [kamaral@kitteryme.org](mailto:kamaral@kitteryme.org).

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